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1. IN FRIDAY, SPET 12, EDITIONS TURKISH PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS IN NEW YORK AND POSSIBLE REACTION IN THE U.S. CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO THE ARMS EMBARGO. MOST PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THE REQUEST BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES FOR THE REPORTS DRAFTED BY THE CIA PRIOR TO THE 1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR AND THE 1974 CYPRUS OPERATIONS. REPORTS SAID DOCUMENTS ON THE CYPRUS OPERATION WILL BE STUDIED TODAY BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

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2. REPORTING FROM NEW YORK, DOGAN ULUC, IN THE MASS CIRUCLA-

TION HURRIYET, QUOTES A U.N. ASST SEC-GEN, WHO TOOK PART IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, "THAT THE GREEKS, AND GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE WILLING TO SACRIFICE CYPRUS FOR GREECE'S GREATER NATIONAL INTERESTS AND FUTURE PLANS. CLERIDES SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED THE INSTRUCTIONS HE RECEIVED BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK. HIS OBJECTIVE WAS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO."

3. BOTH THE MASS CIRUCLATION GUNAYDIN AND HURRIYET REPORTED ON THE ATTITUDE IN THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDING THE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE U.S. BASES. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES AS REPORTED IN HURRIYET, TALKS BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE STATUS OF THE AMERICAN BASES WILL START IN OCTOBER IF THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED. THEY ADD THAT "IF THE RESOLUTION TO LIFT THE EMBARGO IS REJECTED ONCE AGAIN, STUDIES AIMED AT LIQUIDATION OF THE BASES WILL START..."

4. LIBERAL REFORMIST MILLIYET AND SEVERAL OTHER PAPERS REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH IN ISTANBUL. THEY WROTE THAT MR. DENKTASH SAID "THAT IT WAS NO LOSS FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY THAT THE 4TH ROUND OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS HAD BEEN INCONCLUSIVE... CLERIDES'S AIR...HAD NOT BEEN TO CONTINUE WITH THE TALKS, BUT TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO." ASKED WHETHER THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD ANNOUNCE AN INDEPENDENT STATE, DENKTASH REPLIES: "THIS IS A SUBJECT WHICH MUST BE DISCUSSED WITH MY FRIENDS ON CYPRUS AND WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY. IN ANY EVENT, WE WILL NOT RETREAT FROM OUR PRESENT STAND. WE MUST BE PATIENT."

5. SAMI KOHEN IN MILLIYET WRAPPED UP THE 4TH ROUND OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SAYING, "WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW? THIS IS A QUESTION REPEATEDLY ASKED BY EVERYONE IN THE U.N. ... ONE THING IS APPARENTLY CLEAR: THE GREEK SIDE IS GETTING READY TO STANGE A NEW PLOY. WHILE THEY WILL TRY TO INFLUENCE THE U.S. CONGRESS THROUGH THE GREEK LOBBY IN WASHINGTON ON THE ONE HAND, THEY WILL ALSO TRY TO HAVE THE UNGA ADOPT A RESOLUTION AGAINST TURKEY WITH THE HELP OF SOME NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES....THE GREEK CYPRIOT OFFICIALS IN THEIR PRIVATE UNCLASSIFIED

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TALKS WITH US SAID THAT SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD NOT SOLVE THE CYPURS ISSUE, BUT THEY HAD NO OTHER CHOICE."

6. COMMENTING ON THE SAME ISSUE MILLIYET'S EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ABDI IPEKCI WROTE: "WELL, WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW? FIRST OF ALL, TH U.S. CONGRESS WHOULD REALIZE ITS MISTAKE AND THE HARM RESULTING FROM ITS INSISTENCE ON THE EMBARGO DECISION, AND SHOULD LIFT IT NOT PARTIALLY BUT FULLY....

AS LONG AS THIS THREAT CONTINUES, NOT ONLY THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT, BUT NO GOVERNMENT COULD TAKE A STEP. THIS SHOULD ALSO BE UNDERSTOOD BY THE GREEKS. IF THEY ARE WILLING TO FIND A SETTLEMENT TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE THEY SHOULD DO THEIR BEST TO LIFT THE EMBARGO INSTEAD OF WORKING FOR ITS CONTINUATION...."

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